and distribution losses, implementation of appropriate demand management and energy conservation measures, arranging requisite quantity and quality of coal for thermal power stations expeditious repairs of units under forced outages, early stabilisation of newly commissioned units, arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas and effective functioning of regional power grids.

(c) Through captive power generating facilities, an industrial unit is able to meet its power/energy requirement, either wholly or partially, during periods when the power/energy is not available from the grid

Pricing Policy of LPG

1488 SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the pricing policy of LPG for domestic and commercial use;

(b) whether the price difference has given rise to certain malpractices; if so, what remedial measures have been taken by Government; and

(c) what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Price for LPG used for domestic use has been subsidised in order to wean away consumers from use of kerosene which is meant to be used by the vulnerable sections of the society for illumination and cooking purposes. Consequently, no subsidy is being given in respect of use of LPG for non-domestic or industrial purposes.

(b) and (c) The following steps have been taken to prevent malpractices:

(1) Colour banding of cylinders meant for non-domestic use.

(2) Identification of non-domestic consumers.

(3) Supply of cylinders of different size for non-domestic use wherever possible.

(4) Maintenance of separate registers at the dealers level in respect of domestic and non-domestic consumers.

(5) Placement of separate indents for domestic and non-domestic cylinders by the dealers.

(6) Adequate number of inspections by each field officer of non-domestic customers.

(7) Promulgation of the Liquified Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 1988.

The steps taken so far have shown favourable results.

Clearance of Industrial Projects of West Bengal Government by the Central Government

1489. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the particulars of the industrial projects submitted by West Bengal Government which are yet to be cleared by the Central Government;

(b) when these projects were sent to the Central Government for approval;

(c) by when these projects are expected to be cleared;

(d) whether it is a fact that a number of industrial projects submitted by the West Bengal Government have been rejected by the Central Government; and

(e) if so, on what grounds?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) Out of a total of 21 Industrial Licence applications received from the various West Bengal State Government undertakings during the calendar years 1985 to 1988 (upto 2-8-1988), 12 applications have already been approved and necessary letters of